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INDOCHINA

1. SECOND SIMILAR T-28 BOMBING ATTACK ON PP PRESIDENTIAL PALACE COMPOUND IN 9 MONTHS LEAVES LON NOL UNHURT BUT KILLS 3 (UPI, NYDN; REUTER; CSM). BECKER (WP) REPORTS AA GUNS INSTALLED AFTER PREVIOUS ATTACK LAST MARCH 18 DID NOT FIRE, SECURITY FORCES ADDED TO CONFUSION, AND ATTACKING AIRCRAFT FLEW OFF EASTWARD. SHE NOTES THAT COUP RUMORS STARTED CIRCULATING, BUT NO EVIDENCE PRODUCED TO SUPPORT THEM -- THOUGH THERE ARE VAGUE UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATIONS THAT SOME CAMBODIANS WERE FOREWARNED OF ATTACK, AND THAT MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAYS EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION WILL BE LAUNCHED. NYT SAYS PP DIPLOMATS HESITATE TO READ POLITICAL MEANING INTO INCIDENT, THOUGH

SOME OBSERVE INCREASING CIVIL AND MILITARY DISCONTENT WITH ECON HARDSHIPS. NYT ALSO DESCRIBES EXTENSIVE BUILDING DAMAGE WITHIN COMPOUND AND NOTES THAT 2 CHINESE-MADE AA GUNS PROTECTING PALACE HAD NOT BEEN FIRED IN 3 YEARS AND WOULD NOT OPERATE DURING THE ATTACK SINCE AMMO WOULD NOT FIT. AP QUOTES INFORMANTS THAT PILOT HAD EARLIER RADIOED WHILE ON MISSION THAT BOMBS WOULD NOT RELEASE, THEN STRUCK PALACE COMPOUND ON RETURN TO BASE. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF PILOT AND MOTIVE FOR BOMBING UNKNOWN (SUN, PHINQ).

2. REBEL GROUND ATTACKS DECLINE BUT SHELLINGS INCREASE OF FANK POSITIONS ON ROUTES 4 AND 5, BOTH INTERDICTED BY ENEMY (AP,SUN).

3. SEN. KENNEDY SAYS GAO STUDY INDICATES US FOREIGN AID AND FOOD FOR PEACE FUNDS BEING USED TO SUPPORT POLICE AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA; STATES IT IS "SHOCKING WASTE", ESPECIALLY WHEN US "CONTINUES TO SWEEP UNDER THE RUG MASSIVE HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF CAMBODIAN WAR REFUGEES AND ORPHANS". KENNEDY ALSO RENEWS EARLIER APPEAL TO PRES. FOR IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF US-SPONSORED LAOS PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM (CSM).

4. AP FROM TOKYO QUOTES NCNA THAT NVN REPORTS US RECON PLANE FLEW OVER HANOI, HAIPHONG AND OTHER AREAS MONDAY; ALSO QUOTES NCNA FROM HANOI THAT NVN MFA IDENTIFIES PLANE AS SR-71. IN WASHINGTON, DOS HAS NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT (WP).

5. AFP FROM HK QUOTES NCNA THAT VC LEADER NGUYEN HUU THO AND PRG FONMIN NGUYEN THI BINH MEET MAO AT PEKING (WP).

6. REUTER FROM SAIGON QUOTES ARVN COMMAND THAT COMMUNISTS KEEP UP SHELLINGS AND GROUND ATTACKS THROUGHOUT SVN, WITH NOTABLE CLASHES IN DELTA WHERE 16 COMMUNISTS ATTACKING MILITIA POSITION IN KIEN HOA KILLED, AND NEAR KHMER UNCLASSIFIED

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BORDER WHERE GVN CONVOY ATTACKED NEAR LOST POST OF DAK SONG.

7. GVN SAYS RICHARD THOMPSON OF AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, WHO WORKED IN REHAB CENTER FOR AMPUTEES, AMONG 23 ON AIR VN DC-3 MISSING SINCE SATURDAY ON SAIGON-TO-QUANG NGAI FLIGHT (UPI, BAL. NEWS AMER.; AP, PHINQ).

8. SOUTHERLAND (CSM) FROM SAIGON WRITES OF SECRET RAIDS AGAINST NVN ORGANIZED BY US DURING 1960S, MENTIONED BRIEFLY IN PENTAGON PAPERS AND RECENTLY DISCLOSED BY SAIGON MILITARY SOURCES. MOST RAIDS WERE TO KIDNAP NVN FISHERMEN TO GATHER INFO. AFTER

QUESTIONING AND INDOCTRINATION, NEARLY ALL WERE RETURNED. ONE SOURCE SAYS THAT ABOUT 1200 WERE KIDNAPPED. RAIDS WERE ALSO TO GIVE VICTIMS IMPRESSION THAT INDIGINOUS OPPOSITION GROUP WAS OPERATING IN NVN, BUT MOST DID NOT BELIEVE IT. ADDITIONALLY, COMMANDO RAIDS, COASTAL BOMBARDMENT AND PARACHUTING OF SABOTAGE AND PSYWAR TEAMS WAS CARRIED ON. SOUTHERLAND SAYS SOURCES FAMILIAR WITH OPERATIONS QUESTION WHETHER ENOUGH

WAS OBTAINED TO JUSTIFY RISKS.

9. LECTURE AND FILM PROGRAM HELD AT JOHNS HOPKINS U BY INDOCHINA MOBILE EDUCATION PROJECT, SPONSORED BY FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, TO SHOW EFFECTS OF WAR, PLIGHT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND EXTENT OF US INVOLVEMENT - BUT NO STUDENTS CAME. SPEAKERS GUESS THAT PEOPLE TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT VN, SAY SIMILAR PROGRAM IN WESTERN STATES HAS EQUALLY DISCOURAGING RESPONSE. PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED AT GOUCHER COLLEGE TONIGHT (SUN). CHINA

10. IN LONG ARTICLE BEARING NO DIRECT SUBSTANTIATION, IZVESTIA ON MONDAY ACCUSED PEKING OF HAVING RECENTLY TRIED TO PROMOTE US-SOVIET WAR OVER ME. WRITER OF ARTICLE DID NOT REVEAL WHAT CHINESE ACTUALLY DID, BUT HE LISTED CERTAIN FACTORS, SUCH AS OPEN PRC SKEPTICISM ABOUT SOLIDITY OF US-SOVIET DETENTE, ENCOURAGEMENT TO ARABS TO "FIGHT TO THE END" AND ALOOFNESS ON UNSC C-F RESOLUTION. PAPER SEEMED TO SAY UNDERLYING UNCLASSIFIED

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US-SOVIET UNDERSTANDING WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND SKEPTICAL CHINESE SPEECHES (AP WP, SUN, PHINQ).

11. JOC CANTON DISPATCH REPORTS PRC S NEW EXPORT POLICY OF SELLING AT WORLD MARKET PRICES IS NOW IN FULL OPERATION AND MOST FOREIGN OBSERVERS AT FAIR THINK IT IS WORKING RATHER WELL. "HIGH VOLUME OF BUSINESS AND PLEASED EXPRESSIONS" IN MARKED CONTRAST WITH SPRING TRADING SESSION. CHINESE HAVE SCALED DOWN PRICES IN MANY CASES; IN OTHERS, WORLD MARKET PRICES HAVE SOARED UP TO REACH CHINESE LEVEL AND, WHERE VARIATIONS OCCUR, CHINESE ARE NOW WILLING TO NEGOTIATE AND BARGAINING IS WIDESPREAD. QUALIFIED DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS AT FAIR THINK IT WILL SET PATTERN FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

12. "RELIABLE SOURCES" IN PARIS SAY PRC WILL BUY 13 FRENCH-MADE HEAVY HELICOPTERS (WP).

13. WP S GREENWAY, IN HK, REPORTS P ICES BEING PAID FOR CHINESE PORCELAIN AT SOTHEBY S AUCTION FRIDAY. ONE SMALL BLUE AND WHITE BOWL THAT CHANGED HANDS IN

LONDON TWO YEARS AGO FOR 87,500 DOLLARS WAS SOLD
IN HK LAST WEEK FOR 475,000 DOLLARS.

JAPAN

14. JAPAN MOUNTS DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE TO GET MORE
ARAB OIL AS SAUDI ARABIAN PETROLEUM MINISTER, SPEAKING
AT VIENNA OPEC MEETING, ECHOES ARAB SENTIMENTS IN

DEMANDING THAT SINCE "JAPAN CANNOT HELP US MILITARILY. . .
THE SECOND THING TO DO IS TO CUT RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL"
(PHINQ, CHITRIB, WP, CSM, UPI). KUWAITI PRESS RAN
HEADLINE COMPLAINING, "JAPAN IS EXCHANGING HONEYED
WORDS FOR PETROLEUM" (WP). "OFFICIAL SOURCES" IN
TOKYO TOLD WP S OBERDORFER THAT JAPAN IS ACTIVELY
CONSIDERING PRO-ARAB MOVES BUT OBERDORFER SAYS FONOFF
OFFICIALS SEEM UNCERTAIN HOW TO SATISFY ARABS WITHOUT
AROUSING US IRE DESPITE AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL S DEPARTING
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REMARKS. INGERSOLL SAID: "OUR GOVT. BELIEVES JAPAN
SHOULD FOLLOW THE COURSE...ESSENTIAL TO ITS OWN
DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS." GOJ PLANS TO EXTEND 31 BILLION (SIC
DOLLARS TO SYRIA FOR IRRIGATION PROJECT AND IRAQ HAS
SOUNDED OUT JAPAN ON 40 MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT FOR
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. UP ALSO REPORTS
GOJ IS MOVING TOWARD BAN ON NEW CREDITS TO ISRAEL.

15. REACTING TO NEWS FROM OPEC CONFERENCE
GOJ ANNOUNCED CUTS OF 10 PERCENT ON OIL AND ELECTRICITY
TO 11 MAJOR INDUSTRIES (CSM, SUN). JAPANESE EMBASSY
SPOKESMAN IN VIENNA SAID WESTERN OIL COMPANIES HAVE CUT
SUPPLIES TO JAPAN FROM IRAN AND INDONESIA BY 10 PERCENT
TO IMPROVE SUPPLY TO US (CHITRIB). SPARKED BY
ECONOMIC FORECASTS IN THE PRESS AND GOVT. FUEL
CONSERVATION MEASURES, JAPANESE SHOPPERS CREATE
RUN ON SUPERMARKETS IN THREE WESTERN JAPANESE CITIES
(CSM).

KOREA

16. ANTI-GOVERNMENT STUDENT DISSENSION CONTINUED
AS TWO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WERE SENTENCED TO JAIL
TERMS AND FIVE OTHERS TO SUSPENDED SENTENCES ON
CHARGES OF CONSPIRING TO OVERTHROW GOVT. POLICE
CHARGED ONE WITH LEADERSHIP OF SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION
(NYT). 1500 STUDENTS AT SUDO WOMEN S COLLEGE AND
300 OTHERS FROM SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY TEACHER
COLLEGE DEMONSTRATED AGAINST GOVT. INTERFERENCE IN
PERSONAL FREEDOMS. POLICE QUICKLY DISPERSED BOTH
RALLIES (AP, NYDN; NYT). IN WAKE OF STUDENT UNREST
SCHOOL AUTHORITIES PREPARE TO START WINTER VACATION

10 DAYS EARLIER (WP, NYT). 70 KOREAN STUDENTS MET AT HARVARD U TO DEMAND RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC RULE TO SK AND TO DEMAND THAT KIM DAE JUNG BE ALLOWED TO TAKE HARVARD POST (NYT).

17. POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF RED CROSS TALKS BETWEEN NK AND SK WILL BE DISCUSSED AT PANMUNJOM NOV. 21 (CSM).

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PHILIPPINES

18. MILITARY SPOKESMAN REPORTS THAT MOSLEM INSURGENTS ATTACKED COASTAL VILLAGE NEAR ZAMBOANGO CITY KILLING 29. ATTACK CAME DURING INTENSIFIED GOP EFFORTS TO CONVINCE GUERRILLAS TO ACCEPT PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY (CHITRIB).

THAILAND

19. RTG FONMIN OFFICIALS SAY PRC OFFERED TO SELL SURPLUS ME OIL TO THAILAND EVEN THOUGH IT HAS MAJOR US MILITARY PRESENCE (UPI, NA).

SINGAPORE

20. GOS AND SUMITOMO CHEMICAL CO. HAVE ENTERED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH SHELL AND MITSUBISHI CORP. TO BUILD 400 MILLION DOLLAR PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX IN SINGAPORE, PENDING DISCUSSION OF EQUITY PARTICIPATION AND CURRENT OIL CRISIS (AP WSJ).

EA ECONOMIC

21. "ASIAN OVERVIEW", A STUDY BY FIRST NATIONAL (NY) CITY BANK REPORTS HIGH LEVELS OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS, RELATIVE POLITICAL STABILITY AND LOW RATES OF INFLATION ARE REASONS WHY ASIAN PACIFIC COUNTRIES PROVIDE FAVORABLE INVESTMENT SITES. ALTHOUGH GNP GROWTH IS BETWEEN 11 PERCENT AND 22 PERCENT, THE RISE IN CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES IS ONLY BETWEEN 2 PERCENT TO 6 PERCENT (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

22. NYT DIRECTS ATTENTION TO "COMMENDABLE" CHANGE IN TONE IN PRESIDENT S READING OF VN AS EXPRESSED IN HIS NOV. 17 PRESS CONFERENCE. SAYS GONE ARE "INVOCATIONS OF PEACE WITH HONOR OF HINTS OF NEW AMERICAN INTERVENTION IF THINGS DON T GO EXACTLY AS PROJECTED BY THE DIPLOMATS." NOTES PRES. SPOKE OF

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"UNEASY PEACE" IN VN, AND ADDED QUICKLY: "BUT IT IS PEACE, WITH ALL THE AMERICANS HOME, AND ALL OF OUR POW S HOME." HE SETTLED ON "PEACE AT LEAST FOR A WHILE" AS HE SCALED-DOWN DESCRIPTION OF VN TEN MONTHS AFTER PARIS C-F ACCORDS. EDIT NOTES SIGNS OF UNMISTAKEABLE NVN BUILDUP AIMED AT NEW MILITARY OFFENSIVE;

CONCLUDES MILITARY OPTION REMAINS VERY MUCH ALIVE IN POSTWAR VN.

23. NYT S SHIPLER IN SAIGON CRANKS OUT PIECE ABOUT NGUYEN HAI CHI, "SOUTH VIETNAM'S MOST PROLIFIC AND BEST-KNOWN POLITICAL CARTOONIST." DESCRIBES HIS WORKS AS SHOWING NO CONSISTENT POLITICS, ADDING THAT IN POLARIZED SVN WHERE EVERYONE SEEMS PUSHED INTO TAKING SIDES, CHI CONSISTENTLY SPEAKS UP ONLY FOR VICTIMIZED PEASANT WHO IS AT MERCY OF THE POWERFUL.

24. FROM VIENTIANE, S-NS ARBUCKLE (NOV. 19) REPORTS BANGKOK POST QUOTING GEN. VITOON AS WAS AS SAYING THAILAND WILL WITHDRAW ALL ITS IRREGULARS FROM LAOS BY JUNE 13. FORMER COMDR. OF THAI IRREGULARS IN LAOS, VITOON IS NOW DEPUTY DIRGEN OF THAI POLICE. HE IS REPORTED AS SAYING 13 OUT OF 30 THAI BATTALIONS IN LAOS WERE WITHDRAWN IN JULY AND THAT BY BEGINNING OF NEW YEAR ONLY 10 THAI BATTALIONS WOULD REMAIN; HE ADDED THAT IF LAO COALITION GOVT. IS FORMED BEFORE JUNE 30, THEN THAIS WOULD WITHDRAW WITHIN 60 DAYS OF ITS FORMATION AS STIPULATED IN LAOS PROTOCOLS SIGNED SEPT 4 BY RLG AND PL. AT HEIGHT OF THAI INVOLVEMENT, THERE WERE 17,700 THAIS AMONG TOTAL OF 30,000 MEN; BALANCE WERE MEO HILL AND LOWLAND LAO. IRREGULARS ARE NOW SCATTERED ALONG ROUTE 23 BETWEEN PAKSE AND PAKSONG IN S. LAOS, AT SAM THONG, AND LONG CHENG AND XIENG LOM IN N. LAOS, AS WELL AS SALA PHOU KOUN CROSSROADS BETWEEN VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG. US OFFICIALS SAY THESE TROOPS WILL LEAVE HUGE GAPS IN LAO LINE WHEN WITHDRAWN EXCEPT FOR THOSE AT XIENG LOM, IN NW LAOS CLOSE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THAI BORDER. LAOTIANS AGREED TO GIVE THAIS XIENG LOM BASE AND EVEN LEAVE IT UNDER THAI COMMAND, ALTHOUGH IT IS IN LAO TERRITORY, IN EXCHANGE FOR THAI HELP IN DEFENDING LONG CHEN. XIENG LONG IS ONLY IRREGULAR BASE WHERE REPORTERS NOT ALLOWED ENTRY. AT LEAST 300 AND PERHAPS MANY AS 700 THAIS STILL HELD

PRISONER BY HANOI FROM LAOS FIGHTING; MANY POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY THAI AND US INTELLIGENCE. CITES VITOON AS ADMITTING TO BANGKOK POST THAT ONE REASON THAI TROOPS FOUGHT IN LAOS WAS THAT THEY WANTED MONEY TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN STATUS. HE MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THESE TROOPS HAD HELPED DEFEND LAOS AND THAILAND. US OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT, WITHOUT THAIS, LAO IRREGULAR FORCES AND RLA WOULD HAVE SUCCUMBED TO NVA.

25. S-NSS BRADSHAW (NOV. 19) IN HONG KONG REPORTS US-MONGOLIA NEGOTIATIONS ON RECOGNITION HAVE BOGGED DOWN BECAUSE OF IMPASSE ON SUCH DETAILS AS HOUSING, COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, IMPORT ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER HOUSEKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS THAT PRESENT MAJOR PROBLEMS IN COMMUNIST NATIONS. IMPLIES US DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF MONGOLIA MAY BE LONG IN COMING BY RECALLING IT TOOK LONG YEARS OF TALKS FINALLY TO GET CO SULAR AGREEMENT WITH USSR, AND WASHINGTON DOES NOT WANT TO REPEAT THAT AGONY WITH MONGOLIA. NOTES THAT OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE ESTABLISHED EMBASSIES IN ULAN BATOR IN PAST DECADE HAVE HAD LONG WAITS FOR HOUSING.

26. CSMS SAIKOWSKI REPORTS CHINESE AFTER "DILIGENT, THOROUGH SEARCH OF AVAILABLE PROPERTIES," FINALLY ARE PURCHASING PIECE OF REAL ESTATE -- WINDSOR PARK HOTEL -- FOR PERMANENT DIPLOMATIC HOME IN WASHINGTON. FOUR-HUNDRED-ROOM HOTEL TO SERVE AS CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE FOR PRCLO STAFF. WHILE THERE NEVER WAS ANY QUESTION CHINESE WERE IN CAPITAL TO STAY, PURCHASE "REPRESENTS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF SOLID SINO-AMERICAN TIES." SEES CHINESE, IN BUYING HOTEL, FOLLOWING PATTERN SET IN NYC WHERE THEIR UN MISSION IS QUARTERED -- "WITH APPARENT CONVENIENCE AND EFFICIENCY - AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TOGETHERNESS" -- IN FORMER MOTEL, ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCES WERE PURCHASED FOR HUANG CHEN AND HIS DEPUTY. AT WINDSOR, CHINESE WILL HAVE PROBABLY MORE SPACE THAN THEY CAN USE AT THIS POINT; BUT THEY HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR FACILITY WITH REAR GARDEN AND LANDSCAPED AND IN THIS RESPECT WINDSOR, WHICH COMES OUT TO SIDEWALK AND HAS ONLY PATCH OF LAWN AT SIDE AND 80CAR PARKING LOT IN REAR, "IS PERHAPS LESS THAN IDEAL." SAIKOWSKI SAYS PRCLO, NOW THAT IT HAS ACCOMMODATIONS, IS EXPECTED TO EXPAND ITS STAFF SOON, FOR IT HAS BEEN "HARD PRESSED" KEEPING UP WITH "STAGGERING VOLUME" OF INQUIRIES FROM US BUSINESSMEN AND ORDINARY CITIZENS WISHING TRAVEL TO CHINA. IN WAKE OF KISSINGER TRIP, TRADE, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES EXPECTED TO EXPAND. "NOTABLE PROGRESS" BEING MADE ON TRADE FRONT; FOR INSTANCE, NCUSCT ANNOUNCES PRC WILL SEND ITS FIRST COMMERCIAL MISSION TO US

EARLY NEXT YEAR AND WILL HOLD TRADE EXHIBITION HERE, PERHAPS IN 1975; US, IN TURN, WILL STAGE TRADE FAIR IN CHINA. HAK EXPECTED IN MONTHS AHEAD TO PROBE MEANING OF "ENIGMATIC STATEMENT" IN RECENT SINO-US COMMUNIQUE ABOUT FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

27. S-N (NOV. 19) ALSO CITES PRC PURCHASE OF WINDSOR PARK FOR UNDISCLOSED PRICE WITH SETTLEMENT

NOT EXPECTED FOR FEW MORE WEEKS. SAYS WINDSOR PARK WILL BECOME ONE OF 10 LARGEST CHANCERIES IN WASHINGTON. HOTELS SIZE IS MODEST IN COMPARISON TO OFFICES AND RESIDENCES OF UK, FRENCH, USSR AND JAPANESE, BUT FAR LARGER THAN TAIWANS. NOTES PRC OFFICIALS AT MAYFLOWER REFUSE COMMENT ON IMPLICATIONS OF PURCHASE.

28. GLOBES CROCKER SNOW (NOV. 18) SEES HOKKAIDO, WITH 33 PERCENT OF JAPANS LAND AREA AND ONLY FIVE PERCENT OF ITS POPULATION, AS LAST FRONTIER FOR ECON EXPANSION. NOTES GOJ HAS INITIATED SEVERAL MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO CAPITALIZE ON HOKKAIDOS POTENTIAL RAIL TUNNEL LINKING ISLAND TO HONSHU NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITH 1979 COMPLETION DATE, AND PORT CITY UNCLASSIFIED

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OF TOMAKOMAI BEING SUBDIVIDED AS MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX WITH PLANS TO TURN IT INTO LARGEST JAPANESE PORT BY 1985. PLANS VIEWED AS MIXED BLESSING BY MANY HOKKAIDOITES, WHO SEEM TO KNOW LARGE PRICE TO BE PAID FOR DEVELOPMENT IN TERMS OF RISING POPULATION, CONGESTION AND COST OF LIVING, AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONTROL CHANGES AS BEST THEY CAN. NOTES RESIDENT FOREIGNERS ARE LIMITED MAINLY TO 250 REMAINING US SERVICEMEN AND 50-ODD AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN MISSIONARIES ON ENTIRE ISLAND. SAYS IN SPITE OF OR BECAUSE OF THIS LIMITED EXPOSURE TO FOREIGNERS, HOKKAIDOITES ARE GREGARIOUS, JOVIAL, AND EXHIBIT PIONEER-LIKE WERE -ALL-IN-IT-TOGETHER KIND OF SPIRIT TOWARD FOREIGNER THAT ONE RARELY EXPERIENCES ELSEWHERE IN JAPAN.

29. FROM HONG KONG, NYTS LELYVELD OBSERVES MAO S RECEPTION OF HAK BREAKING ALMOST RITUALISTIC PATTERN OF THAT ACCORDED OTHER FOREIGN VISITORS IN TWO RESPECTS: MAO-HAK VISIT LASTED TWO HOURS, AND BY CONTRAST, PRES. HAD ONLY ONE HOUR, TRUDEAU AND WHITLAM WERE ALLOTTED 90 MINUTES; SECONDLY, WANG HUNG-WEN, CATAPULTED TO NO. 3 POSITION IN CP HIERARCHY AT AUGUST PARTY CONGRESS, WAS ON HAND WHEN POMPIDOU PAID CALL ON MAO, AND HAS BECOME FIXTURE AT MAOS MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN LEADERS. HOWEVER, WANG WAS ABSENT FROM MAO-HAK DISCUSSIONS. AS WANG IS IDENTIFIED WITH RADICAL LEADERSHIP THOUGHT TO

INCLUDE CHIANG CHING, CHANG CHUN-CHIAO AND YAO WEN-YUAN, COULD HIS ABSENCE SIGNIFY RADICAL DISAPPROVAL OF PEKINGS COZINESS WITH WASHINGTON? MOST FOREIGN ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT SOUNDS FAR-FETCHED SINCE MAO, HIMSELF, HAS GIVEN HIS BLESSING TO THE US TIE. LELYVELD CITES

HK CHINESE SOURCES WITH CLOSE TIES TO PEKING AS SUGGESTING WANGS ABSENCE WAS PROMPTED SIMPLY BY FACT US HAD YET TO ACHIEVE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. NOTES GROUP PHOTO IN LAST SATURDAYS PEOPLES DAILY SHOWING MAO POSING IN CENTER BETWEEN SIERRA LEONE PRES. AND SIERRA LEONE FONMIM; WANG HUNG-WEN STOOD TO UNCLASSIFIED

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MAOS RIGHT, NEXT TO SIERRA LEONE PRES; CHOU TO LEFT, NEXT TO THE FONMIN. CHINA-WATCHERS WONDER IF GROUPING SUGGESTS A SLIGHT PRECEDENT FOR WANG OVER CHOU.

30. S-N (NOV. 19) FEATURES FRONT-PAGE STORY WITH PIC ABOUT NATIONAL ZOO THROWING "COMING OUT PARTY" NOV. 19 FOR CHINESE PANDAS, HSING-HSING AND LING-LING. SAYS THEY WERE FORMALLY INTRODUCED TO NEW, TWIN ONE-FOURTH ACRE PLAY YARDS, FINAL TOUCH IN THEIR 425,000 DOLLAR LIVING QUARTERS.

31. CANADIAN JOURNALIST HARBON IN OTTAWA TELLS ABOUT TRUDEAU S RECENT TRIP TO CHINA AND MENTIONS HIS EARLIER VISITS AS PRIVATE PERSON. CREDITS TRUDEAU, RATHER THAN PRES. NIXON, FOR BRINGING PEKING CLOSER TO WEST. SAYS MOST CANADIANS, AND UNDOUBTEDLY TRUDEAU, HIMSELF, FEEL NIXONS MOVE TOWARD PEKING WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE OR AT BEST DELAYED EVEN LONGER WITHOUT CANADAS EARLIER MOVES AND FINAL ESTABLISHMENT OF PRC-CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. CITES SOME AMERICANS AS SAYING CHINESE WENT ALONG WITH CANADIANS PRIMARILY TO SECURE N. AMERICAN OPENING LEADING TO TIME WHEN PRC AMBASSADOR COULD BE APPOINTED TO WASHINGTON AND PEKING WOULD ENTER UN. THINKS THIS VIEW UNKIND AND INACCURATE. "FACT IS, DOS PRESSURES HAD BEEN STEADILY AND PERSISTENTLY APPLIED ON SUCCESSIVE CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS SINCE THE END OF KOREAN WAR, INHIBITING CANADIAN PRIME MINISTERS BEFORE MR. TRUDEAU, WHO WERE IN FAVOR OF A COMMUNIST CHINESE PRESENCE IN CANADA BUT DID NOT MOVE." ALSO CREDITS CANADASS "INNOVATIVE" FORMULA FOR RECOGNITION BASED ON PHRASE "CANADA TAKES NOTE OF THE CLAIM OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO TAIWAN," WITH PERMITTING BOTH SIDES TO ACCEPT GRCS CONTINUED EXISTENCE. ADDS THAT FOR ALL THIS, TRUDEAU NOT ONLY RECEIVED WARMEST WELCOME YET OFFERED ANY WESTERN LEADER BY CHINA, BUT PROMISE FROM CHINESE THAT THEY WOULD SEEK OUT CANADA FIRST FOR FUTURE BUMPER WHEAT SALES (CSM).

32. GLOBE AND MAILS JOHN BURNS DESCRIBES HIS VISIT
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TO SCENIC KWEILIN AREA (CSM).

33. CSMS WINDER REPORTS SPECULATION THAT HAK AND CHOU ARE EXPLORING PROSPECTS FOR RESOLVING KOREAN DISPUTE, WITH MOST SPECULATION HINGING ON POSSIBILITIES THAY ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE IN TIME TO GET SOME INTERNATIONAL IRONCLAD GUARANTEES FOR SK THAT WOULD PERMIT US TROOPS UNDER UN FLAG TO WITHDRAW. SUCH GUARANTEES IN TURN WOULD BE ONLY PRELUDE TO LARGER PEACE CONFERENCE THAT WOULD SEEK IN EFFECT TO REWRITE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

34. CSMS POND, IN SEOUL, REPORTS "INFORMED SOURCES" SAYING ONE OF MESSAGES KISSINGER BROUGHT THERE WAS THAT PEKING TACITLY APPROVES CONTINUED US TROOPS PRESENCE IN SK AND FEARS JAPANESE FORCES MIGHT COME FILL VACUUM IF US TROOPS LEFT. SAYS SOURCES ALSO CONTENTEND HAK TOLD ROKG THAT US MIGHT NOT VETO DISSOLUTION OF UNC IF MAJORITY OF UNGA VOTES SUCH ACTION.

35. POND SEES OUTLINE OF JAPANESE ME POLICY EMERGING. CITES WELL-PLACED JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN AS SAYING TOKYO IS NOW TRYING TO SATISFY ARABS BY OFFERS OF AID FOR ECON DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN BUILDING REFINERIES, BUT IS NOT AT THIS TIME CONSIDERING BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OR EMBARGOING TRADE WITH ISRAEL. NOTES THAT ON NOV. 15, TRADE MINISTRY ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO LIBYAN PROPOSAL FOR JAPANESE TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN BUILDING STEEL MILLS, OIL REFINERIES, AND PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS IN LIBYA - WITH POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING LIBYAN-JAPANESE JOINT VENTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OIL RESOURCES. COMMENTS THAT THIS MOVE RAISES POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN MOVING, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ARABS, TO OCCUPY OIL-DEVELOPMENT POSITION LONG MONOPOLIZED BY WESTERN MAJORS; ADDS, UNTIL NOW JAPAN HAS SHIED AWAY FROM SUCH MOVE FOR FEAR OF OFFENDING BOTH WESTERN MAJORS AND USG (CSM).

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36. IN CONTEXT OF "GROWING ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MARTIAL LAW GOVERNMENT" OF MARCOS, WPS GREENWAY IN MANILA WRITES LENGTHILY ON CASE OF AMERICANMARYKNOLL PRIEST,

FATHER EDWARD GERLOCK, DETAINED SINCE OCT. 31. SAYS GERLOCK HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY CHARGED, BUT OFFICIAL PHIL CONSTABULARY REPORT ASSERTS HE PREPARED POSITION PAPER WHICH CONTAINED "POLITICAL VIEWS AND OVERTONES" CRITICAL OF MARTIAL LAW. HE IS ALSO

ACCUSED OF GIVING FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT TO SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS AND "SUBVERSIVE MATERIALS" WERE ALLEGEDLY FOUND AT TAGUM SOCIAL ACTION CENTER OF WHICH GERLOCK IS DIRECTOR. GERLOCK ADMITS HE HAD BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAMS IN WHICH PRIESTS, FOREIGN AND FIL, TRIED TO HELP POOR AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AND SQUATTERS ORGANIZE THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO BETTER THEIR LOT. HE WOULD ADMIT TO BEING CRITICAL OF MARTIAL LAW, BUT NOT BEING SUBVERSIVE AND INTENDS TO MAKE FIGHT OF IT RATHER THAN ACCEPT DEPORTATION. CITES REGIONAL MARYKNOLL SUPERIOR FATHER JAMES NOONAN AS SAYING, "BECAUSE OF WHAT WE WOULD CONSIDER GOOD WORKS, ED EARNED THE ANIMOSITY OF SOME WEALTHY LANDOWNERS AND POLITICANS BEFORE MARTIAL LAW." GREENWAY NOTES THAT SOME PRIESTS HAVE JOINED REBELS AND GONE UNDERGROUND; OBSERVES WIDENING GULF BETWEEN CHURCH AND GOP. KISSINGER

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